

REMARKS

Information Disclosure Statement

The applicant submits herewith an Information Disclosure Statement citing U.S. Patent No. 6,473,861 together with the requisite fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p). The applicant respectfully requests the examiner consider the IDS and provide an initialed copy of form PTO-1449 with the next office action.

Double Patenting Rejection

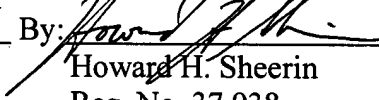
The examiner rejected claims 1-14 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 and 10-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,735,693 in view of Jackson EP 0911738 A2.

In response, the applicant files herewith a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 CFR 1.321(c) which overcomes the rejection.

CONCLUSION

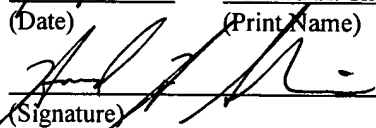
The double patenting rejection should be withdrawn in view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith under 37 CFR 1.321(c). The examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned over the telephone in order to resolve any remaining issues that may prevent the immediate allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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